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It was very pleasant to have you visit with us the other day. I am sorry I did not have at that time a Department of State message, which by some mysterious process has now reached my desk. It is stamped "Confidential," so I will have to honor the classification. It transmits the text of the lease deed between [REDACTED]

I assume the draft was by the [redacted] lawyers involved, as it is one of the most delightful examples of elegant drafting I have seen in a long time. It fails in some respects, as in the first paragraph after the recitals I do think they could have worked in "hereditament" somewhere. They make up for it however in the last paragraph, which states "Subject always to the exceptions, reservations, conditions and covenants hereinafter contained that is to say as follows." This is pure joy. Don't let your fellows louse it up.

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